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REMARKS

The following documents were cited in a June 21, 2005 International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter I) with Written Opinion (IPRP) (copy enclosed) of the international application (PCT/JP2005/007188) corresponding to the above-referenced national phase application:

- (1) JP 10-104503 A;
- (2) JP 59-105606 A;

- (3) JP 61-028913 A;
- (4) JP 06-018779 A;
- (5) JP 11-211467 A;
- (6) JP 11-281877 A;
- (7) JP 03-164709 A;
- (8) JP 2004-020742 A;
- (9) US 2004/0042780 A1;
- (10) JP 2004-337264 A; and
- (11) JP 2001-100258 A.

These documents were cited in the February 16, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

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